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I salute Dick Kipper for his tireless efforts to help those with Alzheimer's and to create a brighter future without this disease.●

GREEN MOUNTAIN AUDUBON NATURE CENTER

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, this Saturday, the Green Mountain Audubon Nature Center in Huntington, VT will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

In 1964, Mrs. Christine Hires of Philadelphia, offered the 150-acre Vermont farm she had owned since 1940, to the newly formed Green Mountain Audubon Society. Mrs. Hires' dream was to keep the land open to visitors and in its natural condition. An open house was held on September 19 and 20 of that year. The Green Mountain Audubon Nature Center was established.

Since 1964, the center has grown to 255 acres of varied habitat including hardwood forest, cedar swamp, beaver pond, meadows, pristine stream and river edge. The original farmhouse and barn are currently used as office and program space for Audubon Vermont. The center also includes a sugar house, the "Clubhouse" for summer camps and programs and a full-scale replica of an Abenaki longhouse.

Annually, nearly 15,000 visitors enjoy the nature trails, bird and other wildlife watching as well as a variety of environmental education programs the center is known for. Some 4,500 children and adults take part in educational programs led by Audubon teacher-naturalists each year.

I want to congratulate Green Mountain Audubon on 40 years of bringing people closer to nature through environmental education, natural resources stewardship, its citizen science efforts and, of course, sound conservation advocacy. This weekend's celebration will honor the oldest operating nature center in Vermont and the many individuals who have contributed to its success. Well done.●

GEORGIA'S 116TH AIR CONTROL WING

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, today I rise to honor Georgia's 116th Air Control Wing (ACW) based at Robins Air Force Base. This week, the wing will be awarded the Spaatz Trophy, which recognizes the Nation's most outstanding Air National Guard unit.

For those of you who do not know, the Spaatz Trophy is named for General Carl Spaatz, the first chief of staff of the independent Air Force and is presented annually to the overall outstanding Air National Guard flying unit. Selection of the winner is based on unit combat readiness during the re-

porting year and the unit's performance with respect to all other Air Guard flying units. More than 90 flying units from across the Nation are eligible to compete.

I would like to point out that this year's winner is no ordinary Air Force wing. The 116th ACW made history 2 years ago when it became the first blended unit ever in the Air Force—kicking off an historic transformation of our fighting force. The wing is comprised of both Air National Guardsmen members of the Active Duty Air Force, and is commanded by a member of the Georgia Air Guard—General Tom Lynn.

Further, the 116th ACW is the only Air Force unit operating the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, Joint STARS, which is the most advanced airborne ground surveillance and battle management system in the world.

During 2003, the year for which this award is presented, the 116th ACW completed the largest deployment in its history as it supported Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and flew more than 5,000 combat hours. This outstanding achievement occurred just months after the wing's historic transformation.

It is a great honor to win the Spaatz Trophy, and this award further illustrates the hard work taking place by the extremely talented members of the 116th ACW. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to General Tom Lynn and all the members of the 116th Air Control Wing.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 2634. An act to amend the Public Health Services Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8953. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8954. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lit of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-MPC Revision" (RIN3150-AH50) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8955. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Sulfur Dioxide; United Defense" (FRL#7794-5) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8956. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Connecticut; Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Updates; Limited Maintenance Plans" (FRL#7801-2) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8957. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Utah; Revisions to New Source Review Rules" (FRL#7791-7) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8958. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isodecyl Alcohol Ethoxylated (2-8 Moles) Polymer with Chormethly Oxirane; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL#7368-3) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8959. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming Restructuring and Renumbering of Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations" (FRL#7784-8) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8960. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL#7784-6) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8961. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Alaska; Fairbanks Carbon Monoxide Nonattainment Area; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes" (FRL#7792-3) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8962. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL#7790-6) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8963. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7788-5) received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8964. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation acting officer for the position of Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection